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## **BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

**Sacramento, CA**  
**November 5, 2014**

### **BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Andre  
Bruce Saito  
Rich Wade  
Susan Britting  
Mike Miles  
Stuart Farber  
Mary Rickert  
Susan Husari

### **BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:**

J. Keith Gilles, Chair

### **BOARD STAFF:**

George Gentry, Executive Officer  
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing  
Thembi Borrás, Regulations Coordinator  
Laura Alarcon-Stalians, Analyst  
Edith Hannigan, Analyst  
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant  
Stephen Lerner, Esq., Board Counsel

### **DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:**

Ken Pimlott, Director  
Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director  
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director, Resource Management  
Janet Upton, Deputy Director of Communications  
Dennis Hall, Assistant Deputy Director, Forest Practice

#### *The Board's Mission:*

*To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.*

1. Reconvene, Report of Actions Taken in Executive Session

Stephen Lerner, Esq., Board Counsel, gave a status update on pending litigation involving the Rancho Guejito Corporation vs. the Board of Forestry and deliberations on OAH No.2013080783 involving Michael Ryan, the Board voted 8 to 0 to continue deliberations and will request additional information.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings.

**11-14-01      Member Wade moved to approve the October Minutes. Member Saito seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

3. Report of the Chairman.

Member Andre (acting chair) reported on the Forestry Climate Action Team meeting he attended on October 20. He also discussed with Executive Officer to schedule presentations on aspects of carbon plan.

4. Report of the Director/Department. Ken Pimlott

- Reported on staffing updates.
- Fire Activity, down staffing.
- Burn restrictions lifted.
- Grant process
- Forest Climate Action Team, planning additional outreach in 2015.
- Cal Fire delivered the Christmas tree to the State Capitol from La Tour State Demonstration Forest.

5. Report of the Regulations Coordinator. Thembi Borrás

Ms. Borrás gave a status update on current and pending regulations.

6. Report of Executive Officer.

Nothing to report on Log Export regulations

Reported on presentation for November relative to "Marijuana Trespass Grows: Impacts to the Forested Landscape"

Reported on the California Biodiversity Council meeting.

**11-14-02      Member Britting moved to approve letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board, to adopt the strategic plan with certain edits. Member Farber seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.**

7. Report of the Standing Committees.

Forest Practice, Sue Britting, Chair  
Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair  
Management Committee, Stuart Farber, Chair

No action items to report

8. Report of Board's Advisory Committees

Forest Pest Council- Katie Harrell  
Professional Foresters Examining Committee –Matt Dias.

**SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS**

9. **Hearing:** Review of the Negative Declaration and Public Comment for the Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF) Draft Management Plan.

**11-14-03                      Member Farber moved to approve the Negative Declaration, and Final Management Plan. Member Rickert seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote**

Saito -Aye	Britting -Aye
Andre -Aye	Wade -Aye
Husari -Aye	Miles -Aye
Farber -Aye	Rickert -Aye
	Gilless -Aye

**Motion carried unanimously**

No Public Comment received.

10. Oak Woodlands: The Board will review the Draft Oak Woodland Management Policy.

Department Comment:

Dennis Hall expressed concerns with the policy as written. He expressed support for a change in regulation regarding sivicultural practices.

Public Comment:

Richard Gienger, commented on potential commercial value.

**11-14-04 Member Miles moved to remand back to committee for further review and request input from the department**

**Roll Call Vote**

Saito -Aye	Britting -Aye
Andre -Aye	Wade -Aye
Husari -Aye	Miles -Aye
Farber -Aye	Rickert -Aye
	Gilless -Aye

**Motion carried unanimously**

11. Post-Wildfire Salvage Logging, Soil Erosion, and Sediment Delivery, Ponderosa Fire, Battle Creek.  
Cajun James, Ph.D.

Public Comment:

Ed Struffenegger, California Forestry Association, commented that the Forest Practice rules are working, also commented on Best Management Practices, Riparian Zones and turbidity as it relates to the report.

12. Hearing: To assure the timely dissemination and effective implementation of rule language, as well as to assist and improve subsequent rulemaking efforts the Board requested public comment, and a presentation by the Department, addressing the following:

1. Areas where questions exist on interpretation of the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
2. Issues encountered in achieving compliance with the regulatory standard of rules, including potential solutions.
3. Suggested regulatory modifications which would either a) clarify existing rule language to better achieve the intended resource protection, or b) which would reduce regulatory inefficiencies and maintain the same or better level of protection.

Public Comment:

Richard Gienger, referred to 916.4a, spawning habitats and salmonid reproduction, putting cumulative impacts in one location.

Michael Gardbedian, Friends of the North Fork American River, commented on conversions, compatible uses on TPZ's, and the Wildland Urban Interface.

**CONCLUSION**

13. Public Forum.

Eric Carlson, Associated California Loggers, commented on the LTO Renewals being up to date.

Richard Gienger, reported on a December 2, Redwood Forests Foundation Restoration Workshop, pilot projects, 1492.

Arne Hultgren, Roseburg Forest Products, thanked Cal Fire for their extraordinary work on the Boles Fire, Wildland Urban Interface definitions, and unintended consequences of the rules.

14. New and Unfinished business. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry  
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Keith Gilles  
Chair

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.